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Applicant(s) : Hermann WINNER et al.
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT**

SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application before examination, as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this response. It is respectfully requested that the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be entered to replace the Specification of record.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel original claims 1-4 and please cancel substitute claims 1-4, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

5. (New) A device for controlling distance for a motor vehicle, comprising:

a distance control device for determining a setpoint time gap with respect to a vehicle driving ahead as a function of a traveling speed and of a driver-specified minimum time gap; and

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